along the line of the newly proposed municipal road to join the Haripad-Kayankulam road be opened. In regard to the construction of the boat basin, the Member complained about the long delay in that matter and requested that the work might be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible. He then urged that all the public offices of the place should be located in one and the same compound. The next point of the Member's representation was that an English school for girls should be opened in Kayankulam and that the local Vernacular schools for boys and girls should be provided with the necessary furniture. He dwelt upon the need for transferring municipal subordinates once in 3 or 4 years and observed that such an arrangement would serve to ensure efficiency and minimise correspondence. He also stated that the town stood in immediate need of more roads and that all the existing roads in the town should be provided with gutters. He then made a pointed reference to his previous year's representation regarding income tax troubles. Lastly, he represented that the Putiyedam lane should be extended as far as Putuppalli.

85. Local needs.

Mr. N. J. Varghese (Member, Municipal Council, Kayankulam) expressed his disagreement with the representation of his predecessor, Mr. Joseph, who had made certain incorrect observations regarding the management of the Kayankulam Municipality which was one of the properly administered Municipalities of the State. In regard to the boat basin and the hospital, he was in complete agreement with Mr. Joseph, and prayed that a hospital might be constructed close by the town. The work in connection with the boat basin should be begun in any of the places under consideration without delay. Nothing had been done in the matter till now though the work was sanctioned long ago.

He then represented the need for an English school for girls. The Kayankulam Municipalty had no doubt a surplus of Rs. 10,000 to its credit. But that would be completely wiped off when the fish market, the night soil depot and other works proposed to be carried out were executed. If Government would supply the Municipality with a site and a building, the Municipality would gladly take up the management.

In regard to the medical inspection of school children, the Member requested that, when grown-up girls had to be examined, such inspection might be conducted by lady doctors.

(2) Medical Relief.

86. X-ray work in the Trivandrum General Hospital.

Mr. N. J. Varghese (Member, Municipal Council, Kayankulam) observed at the outset that the General Hospital was the last resort of patients who could not derive adequate benefit from the mofussil hospitals. It was gratifying to note that the present Darbar Physician was encouraging his subordinates who had special aptitude for the study of particular branches of medical science to undergo training in those branches, the men thus trained being put in charge of the work in which they had specialised. It was, however, regrettable that there was no specialist attached to the X-Ray apparatus and that the apparatus itself was not in working order.

Next Mr. Varghese pointed out the usefulness of electricity as a source of energy. The galvanic and faradic currents were of great value as means of diagnosis in many ailments appertaining to nerves and muscles. These currents were the best means of cure in the case of such diseases as headache, neuralgia, sciatica, chronic rheumatism, sleeplessness, paralysis, and constipation. The Member said that the manifold advantages of the use of electricity were unfortunately denied to the people of the State.

The X-Rays or Rontgen Rays, first discovered in 1896, had made considerable advancement in the diagnosis of diseases and their treatment. The beating heart or the contractions of the stomach in the course of digestion could be photographed in a series of flashes and demonstrated in a cinematograph film.

The therapeutic effects of X-Rays were still more useful in the treatment of moles, warts, chronic eczema, etc. Simple tumours and inoperable tumours such as cancer could be successfully treated by exposure to X-Rays. The Member

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